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1. Fuel depot, about 150 meters square, consisting of one building with a pumping plant; five aboveground tanks, five meters high, about ten meters in di-ameter, and painted silver-gray; and eight underground tanks, about 15 meters long and 1.5 meters in diameter; equipped with a railroad spur and surrounded by a board

2. Motor vehicle repair shop. A new installation, about 300 x 150 meters, equipped with a railroad spur and enclosed by a board fence.

fence.

Location

Southeastern sector of the city, about 1,000 meters southwest of the Khab-arovsk II Railroad Station.

Occupation

The depot was sub-ordinate to an MVD headquarters in Khabarovsk. The construction of the installation was started in 1947; the tanks had been installed by spring 1948. Fuel was picked up by army and MVD trucks all day. Between 1100 and 1300 hours, fuel was picked up only by civilian consumers.

The installation was referred to as Khodavoy Park and was a large motor vehicle repair shop. It was subordinate to the MVD, and MVD house 40 meters long

Captain Sakhanov (fnu) was in charge of the installation. It in-cluded one boiler

Adjoining the

fuel depot.

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and 15 meters high, equipped with four horizontal boilers and a smokestack about 40 meters high; one power plant with three steam turbines; two assembly shops, about 50 meters long and constructed of wood; one engime repair shop, about 60 meters long con-structed of wood; one machine shop about 60 meters long constructed of brick; six convict huts; and six log-houses serving administrative purposes. Passenger cars and trucks were overhauled in the repair shop. About 15 vehicles were handled daily. Minor replacements were made in the repair shop. Large com-ponents and castings were supplied from other plants located in the city. The

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vehicles overhauled at the installation belonged to army and MVD units. The majority of the vehicles came in and were shipped away by rail. The work force was about 1,500 forced laborers and about 900 convicts, working on two ten-hour shifts.

The installation served as a central depot and distributing point for rations and cloth-ing in the Military District. One colonel, to whom a guard unit of about 100 men and about 100 civilian workers were subordinate, was observed to be the ranking officer. Incoming shipments, which were made partly by truck and partly by freight streetcar, origi-nated from the railroad station

According to the headings of the ration lists, the depot was directly subordinate to the Khabarovsk military command.

1945 to March 1946.

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1. Supply depot consisting of ten wooden storehouses, about 60 x 30 meters; three wooden warehouses, about 150 x 10 meters; one motor vehicle repair shop; one Japanese PW camp; and one administration building, about 50 meters long.

On the eastern bank of the Amur River, adjoining the mouth of the Plyuominka River (sic) to the east, on the east side of a bazaar. Some of the installations were located in the building compound.

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2. Supply depot, about 200 x 100 meters, consisting of 18 wooden storehouses, about 30 x 10 meters each; all arranged in three lines, supported by concrete foundation walls and equipped with indoor field railway tracks. The depot was connected with the main railroad

station by a railroad spur. Northeastern sector of the city, about 400 meters east of the passenger station. and the harbor. The items stored in the depot were picked up by trucks belonging to the units. The units of the army and the Amur Fleet stationed in and around Khabarovsk were supplied from this depot.

The depot was referred to as a ration
and clothing bulk reduction point serving
the units of the military district. It
was guarded by about
50 troops wearing red
epaulets. About 100
civilian workers
worked in the depot.
Incoming shipments
were made partly by
rail and partly by
truck. About 20
cars came in daily.
Shipments made by
truck came in from
the harbor. Outgoing shipments were
made by rail and
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Birobidzhan (48-48N, 132-57E).

1945 to October

Prior to September 1947.

1948.

Billets of three three-story brick buildings, enclosed by a brick wall.

Northern sector of the city several hundred meters northeast of the railroad station on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The division, which had been stationed in Szombathely, Hungary, was trans-ferred to Birobidzhan in August 1945 to be rebuilt. Prior to October 1948, the division headquarters had been stationed in Birobidzhan and some elements of the units of the division were located in Khabarovsk.

Occupied by an officer candidate school of about 300 troops wearing golden stripes, about one cm wide, bordering the edges of their collars. According to civilians, the trainees were commissioned as junior lieutenants before being discharged from the school.

A large machine and motor vehicle depot consisting of long storehouses, enclosed by a board fence and topped by some lines of barbed wire, was located in the southern sector of the city. A vast number of motor vehicles of every type were stored in the open.

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Prior to July 1947. Barracks installation, about h00 meters square, consisting of one yellow, four-story building, about 100 meters long; one motor vehicle repair shop; 50 tents; and one storage yard. The in-stallation was located at the foot of a hill, and enclosed by

a barbed-wire fence.

West of the city at the foot of a prominent hill.

The installation was referred to as tank and artillery barracks The strength of the units located in the installation was estimated at not less than 1,500 men. They were inspected by a general from Khabarovsk monthly. Weapons and vehicles stored in the yard included three JS tanks, equipped with long gun barrels with muzzle brakes; 12 SP guns, with superstructures set up on the rear section of the vehicles, and barrels not projecting beyond the nose, bogie wheels, and track-supporting rollers; 12 rocket launchers with three frames topping each other; six rocket launchers with noticeably long launching frames pro-jecting beyond the drivers' cab; six

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rocket launchers on two-axle trailer chassis with launch-ing frames about three meters long; ten blocked-up Studebaker trucks; 10 to 15 caterpillar tractors; and 20 small cross-country motor vehicles equipped with cir-cular tracks.